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1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL DCM UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS VAN LYNDEN, WHO HAD ALREADY LEFT FOR BRUSSELS IN CONNECTION WITH EC MINISTERIAL MEETING MAR
16. AS RESULT, POLCOUN CALLED ON ROOKMAAKER (DIRECTOR, FE AFFAIRS, MFA) AND CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL, EMPHASIZING NEW ELEMENT IN SITUATION WAS MASS MOVEMENT OF MEN AND SUPPLIES INTO SVN.

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2. ROOKMAAKER SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT THERE WAS MUCH CHANCE OF GON CHANGING ITS PLANS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HANOI, BUT THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY FOREIGN MINISTER SCHMELZER OF THE US APPROACH.

3. ROOKMAAKER RECALLED THAT GON HAD KEPT THE US GOVERNMENT INFORMED BOTH IN THE HAGUE AND IN WASHINGTON OF ITS PLANS REGARDING RELATIONS WITH HANOI AND THAT THE US HAS NOT TAKEN EXCEPTION TO THEM. HE SAID GON HAD INFORMED MANY GOVERNMENTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S INTENTION TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS AFTER THE EC MINISTERIAL MEETING MAR 16 THAT THE GON WILL OFFER TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE DRV; HE SAID THE ONLY UNRESOLVED QUESTION WAS THE DATE ON WHICH THE DUTCH WOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO HANOI FORMALLY MAKING THE OFFER.

4. ROOKMAAKER SAID HE WAS STRUCK BY THE DRAMATIC AND QUICK CHANGE IN THE US ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN VIET-NAM WHICH HERETOFORE HAD INDICATED OPTIMISM THAT THE VIET-NAM AGREEMENT WOULD BE RESPECTED BY ALL PARTIES.

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